

ARTIFICIALLY DWARFED TREES

GENERAL INFORMATION. This circular applies to dwarfed trees in general. Please refer to 7 CFR 319.37 and Q.37-5 on the entry status of specific genera of trees. Importations may prove disappointing unless the importer obtains detailed information on the reestablishment and care of the trees from competent sources. While agricultural inspectors handle plant material with care and understanding, such services are limited to those necessary while the plants are in the Department's custody awaiting agricultural clearance.

PERMITS should be obtained in advance of importation. The enclosed application, PPQ-Form 587, should be completed and returned to this office.

POSTENTRY QUARANTINE. Please see 7 CFR 319.37-7 for list of affected genera. Please contact address above for further instructions if required.

LABELS. Green-and-yellow mailing labels when requested are to be used only for mail shipments. Instructions are found on the reverse side of each label.

HOME ADDRESS. Applicants writing from an APO or FPO address should give their home street address. Permits are issued to U.S. residents only.

APPROVED INSPECTION STATIONS. Material must clear agricultural quarantine at an approved United States port of arrival. See 7 CFR 319.37-14.

BAGGAGE ENTRIES. When dwarfed plants are brought in with passenger's baggage, it will be the responsibility of the importer to move the plants to the inspection station. This may require the employment of a bonded carrier at the importer's expense.

TREES MUST BE FREE OF SOIL or other growing media before shipment. Moistened peat moss, sphagnum, coconut fiber, or damp newspaper may be packed around the roots. See 7 CFR 319.37-8 and -9.

PLANTS MUST BE LABELED preferably with their scientific names. Names can usually be obtained from the grower or from horticultural authorities in the areas where the plants are purchased.

PLANTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO FUMIGATION or other treatment necessary to eliminate danger of pest introduction. This will be done at the importer's risk.

CUSTOM CLEARANCE is the responsibility of the importer or his broker and is required for all entries except mail entries valued at less than \$250.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION write to the Permit Unit as addressed above.